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All of us lucky enough to live in Portland treasure the beauty and vitality of the Willamette River. It is an incredible environmental, recreational and economic asset. We all want the river to be clean. However, I am concerned that the plan is too expensive and too complicated to achieve success.

I support a thorough cleanup plan for the Willamette River but the idea that we can restore the river to its original state is not realistic. Initiating clean up efforts has already taken too long and the achieving a pristine state would take too long, if it is even achievable at all. In addition, the cost is impractical and has too great of consequences on the many other assets of this community--namely jobs. We need to make sure that we get a flexible cleanup plan that works.

It is important to recognize that the river serves many important roles in our community. It is important that we stay balanced in our approach so that we don't impair our community and its economic and recreational health for the sake of an unrealistic plan to be perfect.

Sincerely,

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